

(5) Somaliland could—

(A) serve as a maritime gateway in East Africa for the United States and its allies; and

(B) counter Iran's presence in the Gulf of Aden and China's growing regional military presence; and

(6) a direct United States security and defense partnership would—

(A) bolster security and defense cooperation and capabilities between Somaliland and Taiwan;

(B) further stabilize this semi-autonomous region of Somalia as a democratic counterweight to destabilizing and anti-democratic forces in Somalia and the wider East Africa region; and

(C) impact United States capacity to achieve policy objectives, particularly to degrade and ultimately defeat the terrorist threat in Somalia posed by al-Shabaab and the Somalia-based Islamic State affiliate ISIS-Somalia.

(d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section, including the conduct of the feasibility study under subsection (b) and the submission of the classified report under subsection (c), may be construed to convey United States recognition of Somaliland as an independent state.

SA 4506. Mr. RISCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

SEC. 12. BRIEFINGS ON STATUS OF OPERATION WELCOME ALLIES AT INSTALLATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 15 days thereafter until September 30, 2022, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress a briefing on—

(1) the operational status of Operation Allies Welcome at installations of the Department of Defense within the continental United States and overseas;

(2) the processing of applications of nationals of Afghanistan for special immigrant visas under the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note; Public Law 111-8) and section 1059 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note; Public Law 109-163); and

(3) the processing of refugee and parolee designations for nationals of Afghanistan.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—

(1) **INITIAL BRIEFING.**—The initial briefing required by subsection (a) shall include, for the period beginning on August 1, 2021, and ending on the date on which the briefing is provided, the following:

(A)(i) The number of nationals of Afghanistan who have—

(I) submitted applications for—

(aa) special immigrant visas under the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note; Public Law 111-8) or section 1059 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note; Public Law 109-163); or

(bb) resettlement in the United States through the United States Refugee Admissions Program; or

(II) sought entry to the United States as humanitarian parolees under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)); and

(ii) the location of each such national of Afghanistan.

(B) With respect to any national of Afghanistan who has been issued such a visa or who has received Chief of Mission approval, including any such national of Afghanistan who remains in Afghanistan and is actively in processing, and any dependent of such a national of Afghanistan, their location and immigration status.

(C) With respect to the adjudication and processing of applications for such visas and the entry to the United States of nationals of Afghanistan as humanitarian parolees—

(i) the number of Department of State and Department of Homeland Security employees assigned to such adjudication and processing; and

(ii) the respective timelines for such adjudication and processing.

(D) A description of the status of any agreement between the United States and the government of any foreign country hosting nationals of Afghanistan described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(E) An assessment of any required revision to the levels and forms of United States foreign assistance provided to entities supporting such nationals of Afghanistan.

(F) The status of any national of Afghanistan who, after July 1, 2021, submitted an application for such a visa or sought entry to the United States as a humanitarian parolee and failed to meet United States vetting requirements.

(G) As of the date of the briefing, the number of nationals of Afghanistan located at an installation of the Department of Defense within the continental United States and overseas, disaggregated by evacuee category and immigration status.

(H) A description of, and justification for, the specific vetting procedures and requirements applicable to individuals of each evacuee category and immigration status.

(2) **SUBSEQUENT BRIEFINGS.**—Each subsequent briefing required by subsection (a) shall include, for the preceding 15-day period, the information described in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (1).

(c) **FORM.**—A briefing required by subsection (a) may be provided in classified form, as necessary.

(d) **WRITTEN MATERIALS.**—The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of Homeland Security may submit written materials in conjunction with a briefing under this section.

(e) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

SA 4507. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such

fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XXXI, add the following:

SEC. 3157. INCREASE IN AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR PLANT-DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

Section 308 of the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009 (50 U.S.C. 2791a) is amended by striking “4 percent” and inserting “5 percent”.

SA 4508. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following:

SEC. 3114. REPORT ON PLANT-DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than March 15, 2022, the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on plant-directed research and development by nuclear weapons production facilities.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A master plan for plant-directed research and development that ensures utilization of all funds available for plant-directed research and development by the nuclear weapons production facilities.

(2) A list of research, development, and demonstration activities by each such facility in order to maintain and enhance the engineering and manufacturing capabilities at the facility and a brief scope of work for each such activity.

(3) A review of current and projected workload requirements for such activities and cost estimates necessary to complete each such activity.

(4) A review of the progress made in prioritizing and funding such activities.

(c) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—As part of the annual budget submission by the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal years 2023 through 2027, the Administrator shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report describing the progress made in establishing the master plan required by subsection (b)(1).

(d) **NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRODUCTION FACILITY DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “nuclear weapons production facility” has the meaning given that term in section 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501).

SA 4509. Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: